I had been satisfied from a knollege of her
fulings that her peace and conseguently the
peace of your Family in some degree at least
required that it should be done I knew be
fore I commenced that it must be a very
imperfect thing from the fact that where
debt and credit for a number of years has
not been kept with a farm it is much easy-
-er by some estemate which may be nearly cor
-rect to find out its product than from scatt-
-ered bills of expenditure to ascertain its outgo
I also concluded that you would have such
means at hand as would enable you to
place the matter in such a light as would
efectualy quiet her mind on the subject.

I must ask if you are unable to write that
Mrs Phelps would keep us informed frequently
how your health is. please drop a line occa-
-sionaly to Uncle Augustus He feels for you
the Affection of a Father
One United Love to yours
Truely & Afectionately yours
A. G. Bodwell

Rev A A Phelps

May 1844 at which time your mother was here and she mentioned that it was not quite convenient for her to pay it at that time and I replyed that she need not pay it and in order to set it at rest I told her I would take some old Articles she had and call it settled which I accordingly did making it as paid I think on her Book and also on my own I suppose she must have since made some estimate of the Articles we had and concluded that there was so much my due. my first thought on receeving the $6 from you was that I would immediately return it but as I have for several weeks been so much out of health myself as to be unable to perform my usual labor I concluded to accept of it as a loan to be returned to you or yours unless we should be permitted to meet in which case we will adjust it to our mutual satisfaction

In regard to the statement in regard to the Farm I can only say that I engaged in it with great reluctance and after stating to her that it would appear to furnish good ground of offence against me on your part and I can assure you that I should have entirely declined all apparent interference in a matter which did not concern me unless

her last hours it is consolling to know that the deceased was attended to with all the interest and care that the most Affectionate Daughter could afford

As Cousin Mary has written and I suppose said all about our Friends here that would be of any interest I will finish by briefly noticing the other matters to which you allude If I could see you a few minutes I think I make these matters appear perfectly plain which I fear I shall fail in doing in the few words in which it must be written — I was no less surprised than you must have been at the statement that you was indebted to me as at the time your Mother left I made out a statement of the matters you requested me to settle Including my own work at the rate of $1 pr day and for which I received the money from her and I supposed that every thing was right and there is but one way in which I can account for the statement she has made — In Oct 1842 you will recollect that I made a short statement of some business your Mother had transacted for you requesting you to confirm or revoke it in that statement there was a small Ballance due me which with one item overlooked in a former c/ amounted to about $8 this remained till

Farmington 30th June 1849

Rev & Very Dear Sir

Yours of the 11th came to hand after lying in the Office here for a week had it been immediately received I felt as if I should have gone at once to N.Y. and tryed to persuade you to make Farmington your stoping place and Uncle also felt as if he wanted you near him while your life is continued. we all feel thankful that you have again been returned to your Friends allthough from your writing we fear without finding the health you sought and we hoped you might obtain I thank you for the Letter of your Dear Partner containing an account of the last days of your Dear Mother and Our Dear kind friend we feel that we have cause for thankfulness that her life was continued so long as her Age and infirmities had for some years given us reason to expect that the time of her departure was near It is hard to part with dear friends but for those like her I do not feel that we have cause to mourn her work is done her anxieties ended and now she doubtless enjoys that rest which Christ has prepared for those that love him We can but poorly express our thanks to your Dear Wife for her kindness to our Dear friend in-